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E.O. 11652 GDS SUBJECT:F-4E AIRCRAFT FOR KOREA JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. WE ARE PREPARED TO ISSUE TO ROKG A LETTER OF OFFER FOR
19 F-4E AIRCRAFT (INCLUDING ONE ATTRITION AIRCRAFT) ON BASIS
OF A COMBINATION OF FMS CASH AND USG GUARANTEED CREDIT.
FINAL DECISION REGARDING USE OF FY 75 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS
CREDIT WILL, OF COURSE, DEPEND UPON AVAILABILITY OF SUCH
FUNDS FOR KOREA. WE RECOGNIZE THAT A LETTER OF OFFER FOR
ONE SQUADRON OF F-4ES DOES NOT FULLY MEET ROKG EXPECTATIONS,
BUT PROVIDING FOR ACQUISITION OF ONE SQUADRON IS THE
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MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL F-4 CAPABILITY WE CONSIDER APPROPRIATE

AT THIS TIME. WE HOPE THAT, WITH THE LETTER OF OFFER, WE CAN AMELIORATE ROK DISSATISFACTION. ROKG SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT EXPENDITURES FOR THIS SQUADRON WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS EQUIPMENT COMING WITHIN TERMS OF MODERNIZATION PLAN.

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2. WE ARE CONTINUING TO ADDRESS THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT TO THE ROK IN THE FY- 76-80 PERIOD, AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS. SHOULD THE ROK PRESS ITS DEMANDS FOR ADDITIONAL SQUADRONS YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THEM THAT THE USG, IN ITS FY 76-80 PLANNING, WILL ADDRESS THE PROBLEM, BUT IS NOT PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE MORE THAN ONE SQUADRON OF F-4S AT THIS TIME.

SHOULD THE ROK EXPRESS A DESIRE TO RETAIN THE BAILED SQUADRON, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ENHANCE PLUS AGREEMENT, THE BAILED SQUADRON IS SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED BY THE RETURN TO KOREA OF 36 F-5AS. THE BAILED SQUADRON IS REQUIRED BY USAF TO RETAIN ITS CAPABILITY, AND BAILMENT WAS A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT TO ACCOMMODATE ROK SECURITY. KISSINGER

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